

I support media diversity

The FCC's proposed changes of rules with regard to media ownership will be detrimental to the Nation. It is essential, in my view, to have as wide an ownership of radio and television stations as possible. I grew up in Worland, Wyoming, where the local radio station was a community resource. As a high school student, I received my broadcast license and served as a radio announcer on KWOR AM radio station ("1340 on your broadcast dial"). The programming reflected the interests of the town, with public service announcements and local news. I know, because I collected the news from the AP wire and from local sources. The news was not a homogenized and delocalized pabulum served from some distant big city. We did not even have a network radio news broadcast. This kind of radio does not exist anymore. It's now all right-wing talk radio, syndicated sensationalism, or manufactured programming. Television is becoming the same everywhere, with less and less diversity of opinion or sources of news. If I watch the news anymore, it's the BBC international news on PBS. At least that's not some propaganda outlet.

If the owners of broadcast outlets are concentrated even more in the hands of a few, we will have lost all vestiges of local input. We will have no truly community television and radio, and the news will be simply a rehash of corporate views of what is politically correct.

It is time for you, the members of the FCC, to listen to us, the American people, rather than just a tiny minority of extremely wealthy people. I am not saying that you should take their wealth away from them, but simply that you should give back to us our airwaves.

Thank you (somebody, whoever actually reads this) for your time.

Sincerely,
-Brad Lee Holian